

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant proposes to amend the claims herein to address unauthorized changes made by virtue of the Examiner's Answer mailed the Notice of Allowance dated March 17, 2011.

Applicant also proposes to incorporate a cross-reference to the priority application, correct a misspelling word "circuitry" in claim 9, change the term "operating unit" to "operating member" in claim 12 to address a potential antecedent basis issues, and change the word "operated" to "operable" in claims 12 and 14 for consistency. As explained in detail below, the Examiner and the Examiner's Supervisor agreed that this 312 Amendment would be entered.

Interview Summary

The undersigned attorney (Raymond Mah) and Jonathan Roberts participated in a telephone interview with Examiner Hall and Examiner Vo (Examiner Hall's supervisor) on April 7, 2011. Applicant's representatives explained that the claim changes made by virtue of the Examiner's Amendment in large part are unacceptable and, in any event, were never authorized. The scope of any prior agreement is accurately reflected in the March 7, 2011 Preliminary Amendment. The unacceptable changes generally fall into the following categories:

- a) Changes from "operated" to "operable";
- b) Changes from "A or B" to "A and B"; and
- c) Changes from "based on A" to "based on A and B".

Agreement was reached that (1) Applicant would submit a 312 Amendment, essentially "undoing" these unacceptable changes, and (2) such a 312 Amendment would be entered.

Thus, as agreed by the Examiner and his supervisor, this 312 Amendment -- which corrects the above-identified errors -- should be entered.

Conclusion

The errors introduced by the unauthorized Examiner's Amendment have been corrected by virtue of this 312 Amendment which, as agreed by the Examiner and his supervisor, would be entered. If any minor matters remain to be resolved, the courtesy of a prompt follow-up interview with both Examiner Hall and Examiner Vo is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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